and (b) Yes, Sir. Under a new Scheme, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources plans to support the creation of a network of retail outlets in the form of Akshya Urja Shops for sale and service of solar energy and other renewable energy products. The shops can be set up by State Nodal Agencies, Manufacturers'Associations, NGOs and Private Entrepreneurs.

(c) and (d) Under the earlier Scheme, 81 Aditya Solar Shops were set up in 28 States. Under the new Scheme, it is proposed to establish Akshya Urja Shops in all the districts of the country with support to be provided in the form of soft loans for setting up the shops alongwith a recurring grant linked to performance of the shops over a specified period.

Installed capacity of wind energy

297. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the fastest growing sectors in the country is wind energy;

(b) whether it is also a fact within next two years India is going to generate 6,000 MW of wind power;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action plan does the Ministry have to achieve 6000 MW of wind energy by 2007; and

(e) what is the installed capacity of wind energy in the country; state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Presently, wind energy is the fastest growing renewable energy sector in the country;

(b) No, Sir. Considering the present rate of installation, it is expected that an additional wind power capacity of about 3000 MW will be achieved in the country during the next two years *i.e.* by the end of 2006-07.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Wind power projects aggregating to a capacity of 3595 MW have

been installed in the country as on 31st March, 2005, State-wise wind power installed capacity is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

Statement

State-wise wind power installed capacity *(as on* 31.03.2005)

State	Installed Capacity
Andhra Pradesh	120.60
Gujarat	253.53
Karnataka	410.75
Madhya Pradesh	28.85
Maharashtra	456.25
Rajasthan	284.76
Tamil Nadu	2036.92
Others	3.60
TOTAL	3595.26

Setting up of power plants in NER

298. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals formulated for setting up of power plants in North Eastern Region specially in Nagaland during the current year;

(b) the location-wise details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Rokhia Extension Gas Turbine U-8 (21 MW) is likely to be added in North Eastern Region in the current year. The project Reports (DPRs) has been assigned to various agencies is enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

Monitoring mechanism has been strengthened in the Ministry of Power. The Central Electricity Authority has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution.